

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on February 18, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch
Nadia Zylawy, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 376, 2/11/2015; HB 377, 2/11/2015; HB 501, 2/11/2015; HB 521, 2/11/2015

00:00:02 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 377

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:23 Rep. Debra Lamm (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 377, Revise laws related to K-12 accreditation standards.

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:29 Emmett McGroarty, American Principals Project

00:07:34 *Rep. Schwaderer entered*

00:19:45 Tim Ravndal, Self

00:22:27 Sandra Stotsky, Retired Professor Emerita University of Arkansas, Past Common Core Validation Committee Member, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a03\)](#)

00:35:35 Kari Zeier, State Co-Director, Concerned Women for America (CWA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a04\)](#)

00:39:20 Rachel Harp, Self, Concerned Women for America (CWA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a05\)](#)

00:43:01 Barbara Rush, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a06\)](#)

00:46:53 Ed Argenbright, Retired Teacher/Coach/ Administrator

00:48:42 Lori Gilbert Lee, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a07\)](#)

00:53:38 Cindy Brooks, Self

00:53:55 Karen Cox, Concerned Women for America (CWA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a08\)](#)

00:54:02 David Bedy, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a09\)](#)

00:54:17 Janice Gallison, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a10\)](#)

00:54:45 Kathleen Titchbourne, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a11\)](#)

00:55:12 Garnett Rope, Self

00:55:18 Jim Fryer, Self

00:55:39 Daniel Keder, Self

00:55:44 Ruth Costea, Self

00:56:05 Jan Franklin, Self
00:56:22 Keith Ochs, Self
00:56:34 Leonard Shumski, Self
00:56:44 Delia Shumski, Self
00:56:57 Scott Gragg, Teacher and Coach
00:57:05 Rudolph Tankink, Self
00:57:26 Bill Wools, Self
00:57:30 Lucinda Hardy, Self
00:57:52 Barbara Going, Self

EXHIBIT(edh37a12)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:50 *Rep. McClafferty entered*
00:58:44 Denise Juneau, Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

EXHIBIT(edh37a13)

01:02:53 Caroline Janssen, Student, Bozeman High School (BHS)
01:04:45 Laurie Barron, Superintendent, Evergreen School District
01:08:28 Paul Andersen, Science Teacher Bozeman High School, Vice Chair Montana
Board of Public Education (BPE)
01:10:40 Gina Satterfield, Self

EXHIBIT(edh37a14)

01:16:22 John Brewer, Billings Chamber of Commerce, Self
01:18:05 Andrea Johnson, Superintendent, Townsend School District
01:19:35 Susan Blossom, Self
01:21:29 Sandy Olsen, Self
01:26:20 Scott Dubbs, Self
01:30:40 Katherine Pfister, Superintendent, Musselshell County Schools
01:34:01 Melissa Romano, Nationally recognized math teacher, Self

EXHIBIT(edh37a15)

01:39:59 Michelle Wood, Superintendent, Lake County Public Schools
01:42:48 Bill Tietz, Self
01:46:02 Brady Selle, Superintendent of Schools, Lincoln County
01:47:20 Dee Hensley-Maclean, Self

EXHIBIT(edh37a16)

01:51:16 Dan Rask, Executive Director, Montana Small Schools Alliance (MSSA)
01:52:04 Lynette Zuroff, Montana Council of Education

EXHIBIT(edh37a17)

01:52:36 Tammy Elser, Self
01:53:08 Claudette Morton, Montana League of Women Voters
01:53:35 Connie Gates, Self
01:54:30 Gerald Wheeler, Self
01:54:57 Ruth Uecker, Development, Elementary Assistant Superintendent, Great Falls
Public Schools (GFPS)
01:55:26 Marni Napierala, Teacher, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

01:55:39 Shelly Kelly, Curriculum Coach, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)
 01:55:57 Dr. Chris Olszewski, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Great Falls Public
 Schools (GFPS)

EXHIBIT(edh37a18)

01:56:30 Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)
 01:56:52 Jill Flynn, Testing Coordinator, Townsend School District
 01:57:04 Holly Janssen, Self, Teacher Bozeman School District (BSD1)
 01:57:31 Kathy Armstrong, Superintendent, Liberty County Schools
 01:58:08 Eliza Thomas, Director, Northwest Montana Educational Cooperative
 01:58:17 Jo Newhall, Superintendent, Park County Schools
 01:58:42 Dianne Burke, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
 01:59:00 Susan Metcalf, Superintendent, Sweetgrass County Schools
 01:59:16 Steve Engebretson, Superintendent, Dawson County Public Schools
 01:59:39 Marco Ferro, Montan Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers
 (MEA-MFT)
 01:59:59 Kirk Miller, School Administrator of Montana (SAM)

EXHIBIT(edh37a19)

02:00:33 Peter Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:05 Rep. McClafferty
 02:01:54 Denise Juneau, OPI
 02:04:46 Rep. McClafferty
 02:05:29 Rep. Funk
 02:06:06 Rep. Lamm
 02:06:45 Rep. Funk
 02:07:09 Rep. Lamm
 02:08:36 Rep. Funk
 02:09:08 Rep. Lamm
 02:09:36 Rep. Kelker
 02:10:11 Denise Juneau, OPI
 02:11:37 Rep. Kelker
 02:12:18 Denise Juneau, OPI
 02:13:10 Rep. Hertz
 02:14:04 Sandra Stotsky, Self
 02:17:29 Rep. Hertz
 02:17:50 Sandra Stotsky, Self
 02:23:07 Rep. Hertz
 02:23:33 Sandra Stotsky, Self
 02:24:24 Rep. Webber
 02:25:27 Rep. Lamm
 02:27:14 Rep. Webber
 02:28:01 Denise Juneau, OPI
 02:28:46 Rep. McClafferty
 02:29:23 Tammy Lacey, GFPS
 02:30:42 Dr. Chris Olszewski, GFPS

02:34:06 Chair Laszloffy
02:34:56 Rep. Price
02:35:41 Ruth Uecker, GFPS
02:37:29 Rep. Salomon
02:37:37 Rep. Essmann
02:39:41 John Brewer, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce
02:41:08 Rep. Essmann
02:41:38 John Brewer, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

Closing by Sponsor:

02:41:54 Rep. Lamm

02:45:11 Chair Laszloffy
02:45:25 Rep. Hertz
02:45:44 Chair Laszloffy

02:45:55 Recessed
02:58:56 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 376**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:59:44 Rep. Debra Lamm (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 376, Clarifying state control of K-12 education and assessment.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:02:26 Tim Ravndal, Self
03:04:34 Keith Ochs, Self
03:06:25 Sandra Stotsky, Self
03:12:45 David Bedy, Self
03:21:21 Jim Fryer, Self
03:25:56 Cindy Brooks, Self
03:29:15 Lori Gilbert Lee, Self
03:30:27 Rudolph Tinkink, Self
03:31:02 Leonard Shumski, Self
03:31:13 Janice Gallison, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

03:33:16 Denise Juneau, Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a20\)](#)

03:37:23 Gina Satterfield, Self
03:42:14 Steve Engebretson, Superintendent, Dawson County Public Schools
03:44:19 Peter Donovan, Executive Director, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)

[EXHIBIT\(edh37a21\)](#)

03:46:56 Dan Rask, Montana Alliance of Small Schools (MASS)

03:49:42 Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)
 03:53:19 Tammy Elser, Self
 03:57:09 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
 03:58:50 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
 03:59:40 Scott Dubbs, Self
 04:01:07 Paul Andersen, Vice-Chair, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)
 04:02:34 Cathy Maloney, Superintendent, Butte Silver Bow Schools
 04:02:55 Eliza Thomas, Director, Northwest Montana Education Cooperative
 04:03:12 Kirk Miller, School Administration Montana (SAM)

EXHIBIT(edh37a22)

04:03:25 Laurie Barron, Superintendent, Evergreen School District, Kalispell

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

04:03:54 Rep. Essmann
 04:05:00 Tammy Lacey, GFPS
 04:05:04 Denise Juneau, OPI
 04:05:16 Rep. Essmann
 04:05:35 Denise Juneau, OPI
 04:05:54 Judy Snow, State Assessment Director, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
 04:07:02 Rep. Essmann
 04:07:17 Judy Snow, OPI
 04:07:40 Rep. Essmann
 04:07:53 Judy Snow, OPI
 04:08:13 Rep. Kelker
 04:08:58 Rep. Lamm
 04:09:48 Rep. Kelker
 04:10:32 Judy Snow, OPI
 04:18:59 Rep. Funk
 04:20:14 Rep. Lamm
 04:20:27 Rep. Funk
 04:20:43 Rep. Lamm
 04:21:12 Rep. Webber
 04:22:12 Steve Engebretson, Superintendent, Dawson County Public Schools
 04:22:58 Rep. Hertz
 04:24:16 Tammy Lacey, GFPS
 04:25:37 Rep. Hertz
 04:26:54 Tammy Lacey, GFPS
 04:28:33 Rep. Hertz
 04:29:06 Tammy Lacey, GFPS
 04:29:44 Rep. Essmann
 04:31:06 Denise Juneau, OPI
 04:31:24 Rep. Price
 04:33:18 Judy Snow, OPI
 04:33:47 Rep. Price
 04:34:14 Judy Snow, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

04:34:45 Rep. Lamm

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh37a23)

04:37:50 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 521

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

04:38:04 Rep. Debra Lamm (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 521, Ensure local control of schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

04:40:46 Cindy Brooks, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

04:42:15 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

04:43:03 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

04:44:27 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh37a24)

04:47:05 Peter Donovan, Executive Director, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)

04:47:50 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

04:48:09 Gina Satterfield, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

04:51:05 Rep. Schwaderer

04:51:23 Peter Donovan, BPE

04:51:35 Rep. Schwaderer

04:52:04 Peter Donovan, BPE

04:52:41 Rep. Kelker

04:53:30 Peter Donovan, BPE

Closing by Sponsor:

04:54:47 Rep. Lamm

04:56:14 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 501

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

04:58:00 Rep. Debra Lamm (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 501, Revise laws related to student data collection and privacy.

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh37a25)

Proponents' Testimony:

05:02:52 Rep. Zolnikov, HD 45
05:06:20 Tim Ravndal, Self
05:09:57 Cindy Brooks, Self
05:12:21 Jim Fryer, Self
05:14:19 Kari Zeier, Self
05:14:37 Emmett McGroarty, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

05:15:00 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

EXHIBIT(edh37a26)

05:19:27 Dianne Burke, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition
(MQEC)Faculty, University of Montana (UM)

05:21:40 Cathy Maloney, County Superintendent of Silverbow County

EXHIBIT(edh37a27)

05:23:43 Tammy Lacey, Superintendent Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)
05:25:40 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
05:25:59 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers
(MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony:

05:26:17 Gina Satterfield, Self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

05:28:04 Rep. Essmann
05:28:24 Dennis Parman, OPI
05:28:28 Rep. Essmann
05:28:32 Dennis Parman, OPI
05:30:11 Rep. Essmann
05:30:15 Dennis Parman, OPI
05:30:19 Rep. Essmann
05:30:22 Dennis Parman, OPI
05:30:45 Rep. Essmann
05:31:11 Dennis Parman, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

05:31:46 Rep. Lamm

05:34:06 Chair Laszloffy
05:34:50 Rep. Essmann
05:35:19 Chair Laszloffy

05:35:53 Recessed
05:53:46 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 374

05:54:15 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 374 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

05:54:27 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

05:54:49 Rep. Salomon

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(edh37a28)

05:55:01 Chair Laszloffy

05:55:11 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 374 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

05:55:25 Laura Sankey, LSD

05:56:02 Rep. Salomon

05:56:35 Rep. Funk

05:57:15 Chair Laszloffy

05:57:22 Laura Sankey, LSD

05:57:29 Rep. McClafferty

05:57:42 Rep. Hertz

05:58:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-4 by voice vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Monforton and Rep. Price voting no. Rep. Bennett and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

05:58:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 374 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Laszloffy voting no. Rep. Bennett and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 377

06:00:12 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 377 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

06:00:32 Chair Laszloffy

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(edh37a29)

06:00:43 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 377 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

06:00:47 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

06:02:10 Rep. Lamm

06:02:38 Rep. Schwaderer

06:02:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bennett and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

06:03:21 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 377 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

06:03:36 Rep. Funk
06:04:47 Rep. McClafferty
06:05:14 Rep. Essmann

06:06:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Price, Rep. Salomon and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Bennett and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 451

06:07:19 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 451 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

06:07:33 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
06:07:54 Rep. Lamm
06:08:41 Rep. Kelker
06:10:02 Rep. Price
06:11:04 Rep. Schwaderer
06:11:22 Rep. Funk

06:12:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Essmann, Rep. Hertz, Rep. Lamm, Rep. Laszloffy, Rep. Monforton and Rep. Schwaderer voting no. Rep. Bennett and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 475

06:13:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 475 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bennett and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

06:14:09 Rep. Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 501

06:15:05 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 501 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

06:15:13 Chair Laszloffy
06:15:22 Rep. Essmann

06:15:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Price and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Bennett and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 128

06:17:03 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 128 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

06:17:19 Rep. Schwaderer

06:17:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bennett and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy. Rep. Laszloffy will carry the bill.

06:17:49 Chair Laszloffy

06:18:11 Rep. Funk

06:18:30 Chair Laszloffy

06:18:35 Rep. Funk

06:18:51 Rep. Hertz

06:19:04 Rep. McClafferty

06:19:16 Chair Laszloffy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 06:19:37

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh37aad.pdf](#))